



## ALEXANDRIA, VA.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18.

The Richmond correspondent of the Petersburg News says: "There will be just as lively a fight over the nomination for Lieutenant Governor, when Col. Withers resigns, as he must do during this session, as there was over the nomination for Senator. The tide-water men suggest the names of Ex-Lieut. Governor Robert L. Montague, of Middlesex, and Gen. W. B. Taliaferro, of Gloucester. Hon. Marshall Hanger, Speaker of the House, and Judge A. B. Cochran, of Augusta, are spoken about. So are Judge Henry W. Thomas, Senator from Fairfax and President pro tem of the Senate, and Dr. W. D. Quesenberry, Senator from Caroline. There is a feeling prevailing among Senators that as the Lieut. Governor is to be presiding officer of the Senate one of their number ought to be taken. The House will pay no respect to this sentiment. No southern man has been put up, but one will probably be. I do not believe that any man who is not a member of the Legislature can be elected. Even with the disadvantage of living in the Piedmont country, I would not be surprised if Mr. Coghill were nominated."

Last night's dispatches from Berlin indicated a rupture in the German Cabinet and the retirement of Bismarck. One of the members of Parliament was arrested last week rather summarily, and the proceeding gave rise to a great deal of indignation in that body, and was resented as a violation of its rights and privileges. On Monday Parliament held a discussion of the subject, and on Wednesday adopted a resolution declaring that an amendment to the Constitution was necessary to protect members from arrest. At this Bismarck took exception and threatened to resign. The latest dispatch from Berlin says it is positively asserted that Bismarck tendered his resignation, which was refused. He afterwards conferred with leaders of the National party regarding the future conduct of affairs in Parliament, and an understanding was secured.

In reference to the church troubles in Baltimore, the American says: "At the instance of some of the Low Church party Rev. Mr. Perry, of Mount Calvary Episcopal Church, is to be placed on trial before an ecclesiastical court for offering prayers for the dead at the funeral of Rev. Mr. Moss. The difficulty in Bethany Baptist Church is said to be settled by an arrangement in pursuance of which Mrs. Dodge will turn the building over to trustees, and the objectionable minister be called upon to resign. In relation to the quarrel between the Rev. Messrs. Sommer and Gilbert, the congregation of Dolphin Street Christian Church last night came to the conclusion that they would have nothing more to do with it, and the gentlemen concerned might settle it between themselves."

The Committee on Commerce of the House of Representatives, yesterday, heard arguments by R. M. T. Hunter, of Va., Jas. K. Morehead, of Pittsburg, and other gentlemen, recommending appropriations for the improvement of the Ohio river by the construction of dams. Last session Mr. Negley, the representative from the Pittsburg district, obtained an appropriation of \$40,000 for the improvement of the harbor of Pittsburg, and it is probable that this appropriation will be used to test the efficiency of a system of improvement of rivers by the erection of dams. The question of voting money for internal improvements again came up before the Committee on Railways and canals, and the majority of the committee positively committed itself to this policy.

A Joint Special Committee of the Select and Common Councils of Philadelphia, appointed to investigate the conduct of the Board of Health of that city, in giving street cleaning contracts, made a report yesterday showing a great deal of corruption in the Board. In street cleaning contracts awards have been made almost invariably to the highest bidder, instead of the lowest, as required by law. It is shown that contracts were awarded nearly \$400,000 above the lowest bids.

Yesterday the Committee on Railways and Canals of the House of Representatives, by an almost unanimous vote, agreed to report a bill recommending the Government to guarantee the bonds of the Washington, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Chicago Railroad. The projectors of the road represent the country through which the road will pass as rich in coal and iron of the best quality, and offer to carry freights at one-half the present rates.

The financial plan finding most favor among the Republican caucus of the Senate contemplates the increase of national bank currency by the establishment of free banking, and the retirement of greenbacks until the volume falls to three hundred millions, which it is supposed it will reach in four years from now, when the Treasury will have accumulated gold enough to redeem them, and thus inaugurate specie payments.

The Senate Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads have under consideration the growing deficiencies in the postoffice appropriations. A sub-committee have been appointed to inquire into the whole subject, and they are to meet at the Postoffice Department to-morrow, to pursue their investigations.

The Court of Appeals of Virginia, has determined to hear no more arguments during the present (December) term. It will deliver some opinions to-day and adjourn to-morrow for the holidays, and to decide the large number of cases already submitted and in their hands for decision.

Hon John B. Rice, member of Congress from the first district of Illinois, and formerly mayor of Chicago died in Norfolk yesterday evening. Mr. Rice was a native of Baltimore, and in the earlier years of his life had been an actor. He was a man of distinguished ability and integrity.

Messrs. L. W. Lawler, of Talladega, and T. B. O. Bethea, of Montgomery, with the Governor of Alabama, have been appointed by the General Assembly a Commission to take charge of and arrange for the liquidation of the legal liabilities of that State.

A resolution passed the Senate of North Carolina yesterday providing for a conference of the Joint Committee on the Public Debt with the creditors of the State, and calling a meeting of the committee in Raleigh on the 14th of January, 1875.

Charlie Ross' whereabouts have not been discovered, but the New York authorities are satisfied that the burglars killed Monday were the men who abducted the child.

The death of Col. Billingsley creates a vacancy in the Maryland Senate from St. Mary's county, to be filled at the election next year.

It is said that at least thirty of the subordinates of the Baltimore Customhouse are to be removed.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

"To show the very age and body of the Times"

At the formation of a financial reform league in Philadelphia last night, a resolution was adopted in favor of the government issuing paper money, to be a legal tender for all debts, public and private, based upon the broad, solid security of government as a medium of circulation, and that all laws providing for the establishment of banks of issue be repealed.

About two o'clock yesterday morning four men wearing masks rode up to the house of a farmer, about twelve miles north of Clarksville, Johnson county, Ark., shot the farmer, cloaked his wife, robbed him of \$800, and escaped. A posse of citizens started in pursuit, and at last accounts were close behind them.

Thos. G. Alvord, of Syracuse, N. Y., was taken in and done for in New York city Wednesday night, by some smart thieves, while getting into a bus as he came out of Waldorf Theatre. He was relieved of his watch and chain, valued at \$600. The watch and chain were a gift of his friends in the Legislature.

An anonymous communication has been received by Mayor Stokely, of Philadelphia, threatening violence if employment was not supplied for the starving poor, and complaining that Italians were working on the Centennial buildings, excluding actual citizens. It was signed, "Secret, Sir."

Charles F. Williams was arrested last night and committed to jail at Westchester, Pa., to await his trial for alleged malicious libel of the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of that place, which appeared in the New York Sun of the 5th instant. Williams, by his counsel, waived a hearing.

The Superior Court of Fulton county, Ga., has sustained the law taxing the railroads of the State, excepting the Georgia railroad, and the Augusta and Savannah railroad case is to go to the Supreme Court.

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

The colored people of Richmond who lost their money by the failure of the Freedmen's Savings Bank, have framed a petition to Congress, praying that immediate action be taken for the relief of the depositors in the branch that was located in that city, and have appointed a committee to present the petition.

Mr. Gordon, in the employ of the contractors on the extension of the W. & O. R. R. beyond Round Hill, was very badly hurt by a blast of last week by the explosion of an earthquake. It is thought that he has lost the sight of one of his eyes. Several of the hands were also slightly injured.

Mr. Juliet C. Larue, widow of the late Samuel Larue, of Clarke county, died at her residence on the 5th instant, after having reached the advanced age of 91 years. She was six years old when Washington was first elected President of the United States.

Iverson Longest, an employee at the car shops of the Richmond and Danville railroad, in Richmond, was run over and instantly killed by a freight train on the R. & D. R. R., near Richmond, on Wednesday night.

The barn of Captain William P. Cave, near Orange C. H., was destroyed by fire on Tuesday evening. It contained about four hundred bushels of corn, a threshing machine, wheat fan and other implements.

Mr. Wm. Dickinson, of Caroline county, has commenced the erection of a grist mill on his premises near Gutewa station.

Littles' Living Age for this week, besides its usual choice selections, has "Agathe Maron, the Story of a New Caledonian Deportee," "In the Rue Froide," by the author of "Patty," and instalments of the "Three Peasants," by William Black; "Far from the Madrigal Crowd," by Thomas Hardy; "Alice Lorraine," by R. G. Blackmore, the author of the "Maid of Sker"; "The Story of Valentine and His Brothers," and the usual choice poetry and miscellany.

With fifty two numbers, of sixty four large pages each (aggregating over 3000 pages a year) the subscription price (\$8) is low, or still better, for \$10.50 any one of the American \$4 magazines is sent with the Living Age for a year, both post-paid. Littell & Gay, Boston, Publisher.

St. Nicholas for January is a real Holiday number, and a peculiarly attractive one. It opens with a beautiful frontispiece called "Mozart, the Little Music King," followed by a short Sketch of the great musician's career. It gives us an abundance of interesting Christmas stories, such as "Tommy, the Soprano," by Charles Barnard; "Mary's Christmas Tree," by Olive Thorne; "A Christmas Legend," by Florence Scannell (each of the three with a beautiful picture by Eytinger); and "The Dwarf's Mirror," illustrated by F. A. Chapman. There is also a fac-simile of the original manuscript of the famous ballad "Twas the Night before Christmas," which will attract the attention of all the boys and girls.

Are begun in this number two serials, "The Young Surveyor," by J. T. Trowbridge, and "Eight Cousins," by Louisa M. Alcott, with fine illustrations by W. L. Sheppard and Adie Ledyard. The number also contains "A Bird's-Eye View of the Battle of Life."

There are poems by Bret Harte and Elizabeth Stuart Phelps; a "Christmas Carol" by Mrs. Dodge; and a beautifully illustrated poem entitled "Santa Claus and his Men." "Jack-in-the-Pulpit" and "The Riddle-Box" have also caught the Christmas spirit, and there is an additional department of "Books for the Boys and Girls," in fact, extra pages have been added to the January St. Nicholas, in order to make room for all the good things that have been crowded into it.

## VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate, on Wednesday, Mr. Taylor introduced a bill to amend the act for working the roads of Loudoun county.

Resolutions were passed inquiring into the expediency of amending the existing school law so as to provide that when there is no free school established by law on account of distance or natural barriers, the pro rata share of the school fund may be applied in payment of teachers' salaries where they are employed by the neighborhood; and whether it would be competent by a general act of Assembly to declare the words "magisterial district" to be substituted for the word "township" in such sections of the Code, when such substitute is the only change necessary to make them conform to the recent amendments to the constitution.

In the House of Delegates the Senate joint resolution providing that holders of five per cent registered State stock may fund the same into six per cent stock under the provisions of the act of March 30th, 1871, as amended by act of March 7th, 1872, at the rate of five-sixths of two-thirds of such stock and interest as of July 1st, 1871, was reported.

Bills and resolutions were introduced to encourage land purchasers and actual settlers in Virginia, and to repeal the act approved March 29, for the encouragement of immigration; to secure the benefits of life insurance policies to the heirs, legal and collateral, of deceased policy holders; to amend the Code as to compensation of assessors; to protect sheep in the county of Augusta; and to authorize county school boards to expend not exceeding \$50 in paying expenses of one trustee of each district school board in attending the county school board.

## Congress.

In the Senate, yesterday, the joint special committee reported that arrangements had been completed for the reception of King Kalakaua at 11:30 a. m. to-day. The Steamboat bill was read and laid over. Bills were passed reducing the appropriation for the distribution of seeds by the Department of Agriculture from \$50,000 to \$30,000, and for the development of mining resources. A bill to enable the Supreme Court of the District to proceed with its jury business was also passed. The bill for the government of the District was resumed, and various amendments were proposed. Motions were made and debated to abolish the board of health, and also to provide for electing the commissioners of the District by popular vote, instead of having them appointed by the President. Pending the further consideration of the bill, the Senate then went into Executive session, and at its close adjourned.

In the House of Representatives, the special committee reported that all was in readiness for the reception of King Kalakaua. The discussion of the Legislative Appropriation bill was resumed in Committee of the Whole. Considerable debate took place in relation to reducing the clerical force of the Bureau of Education, in which Mr. Cox opposed the whole Bureau system as tending to centralization. An amendment looking to abolishing the Bureau was rejected. A lively discussion took place upon the action of the late Postmaster General in renting a house, alleged to be owned by Alexander R. Shepard, for five years at the rate of \$4,200 per annum, when the value of the property is only estimated at \$18,000. The action was denounced by Messrs. Wilson, Randall and Hoar, and detested by Messrs. Tynner and Garfield. The appropriation for this rent was finally reduced to \$2,200, and the committee rose. Mr. Dawes introduced a bill intended to re-enact the duty on tea and coffee after the 1st of March next. It was referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

LOUDOUN COUNTY ITEMS.—[From the Loudoun Mirror].—On Monday last B. P. Noland and Hugh Sheffield, trustees, sold at public sale a tract of land near Mountsville, containing 300 acres, and belonging to J. Reo Carter, for \$29 per acre, Howard N. Reo, purchaser. Messrs. Harrison, Foster, Simpson and Noland, commissioners in the case of Hatchinson vs. Simpson, sold sixty five acres of land, near Mountsville, the residue of the real estate of the late J. R. Simpson, for \$11.50 per acre, John F. Elgin purchaser. W. S. Summers, auctioneer, sold for A. B. Moore, trustee, 24½ acres of land near Little River Turnpike, belonging to Nathan Skinner, Jr., for \$50 per acre, Mr. McFarland purchaser.

Maj. T. B. Ferguson, Fish Commissioner, on Saturday last, expressed one thousand young salmon to Leesburg, with instructions to have them deposited in Big Spring branch, about two miles from town. The youngsters were received in good condition, and were at once taken in charge by Mr. Thos. Williamson and safely deposited, as the Major requested, from which infant deposits it is loudly hoped great salmon may grow.

Within the last few weeks dogs have played havoc with the sheep folds of several farmers in the upper part of the county. Recently we have heard of not less than fifty or sixty sheep, some of them of the finest breed, killed by worthless canines. Among the sufferers, by these canine depredations, were Thos. E. Camp, Smith, Reed, Wm. Stone, J. J. White, J. W. Nixon, and Miss Shoemaker—the aggregate damage in dollars and cents alone, reaching at least \$300 or \$400.

The colored Methodists have had a revival in their church here for some weeks past, and a number have professed conversion. On Sunday afternoon three of the newly converted, who believed in immersion, were gratified by being plunged beneath the placid but chilling waters of Tuscarora. At least two hundred people gathered on the banks to witness the ceremony.

An old gentleman, ninety years of age, connected himself with the Little River Baptist Church, recently, and was immersed in the waters of Little River on Sunday—cold as it was.

ROMANCE OF A POOR YOUNG GIRL.—Barnum's hippodrome is constantly furnishing material for little romances, and the latest is very touching. The New York Express says: "Last Thursday an advertisement was published, calling for ballet girls for the Christmas pantomime. Over a thousand young women applied, and there were but three hundred wanted, seven hundred were compelled to go away disappointed. Among this seven hundred was Mary McAnn and a companion, who had come from Hudson City, hoping to obtain employment. Sad and disheartened they started for home and, while crossing the river, determined to end all their troubles by leaping into it. At the last moment, however, Mary's companion drew back, but the other plunged boldly in. Fortunately there were those near at hand who rescued her, Barnum heard of the adventure, sent emissaries to search the girls out, and now they are both rehearsing in the hippodrome ballet. The reason given for the rash act by Mary was, 'I was so tired, I had rather die than starve,' she said, 'and I had rather starve than be bad.'"

DRILLED WHEAT.—It is said that the superior advantage of drilling wheat instead of sowing broadcast, has been thoroughly illustrated the present season. The drilled came up despite the drought, whilst much of that seeded the old way perished for lack of moisture.—Fredericksburg Herald.

Ward's Celebrated Shirts, ready made and to order, and a good fit guaranteed, at DEALHAM'S.

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## Mixed School Troubles, &amp;c.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—The Returning Board have been trying the late chief clerk Campbell, charged with tampering with the returns and testimony, but they could not prove it. The Board has decided on returns from twenty-three parishes, besides the first and second congressional districts, and will promulgate them. These give in the House 33 Radicals and 37 Conservatives.

The students of the Central Boys' High School to-day appeared at the Lower Girls' High School to compel the removal therefrom of a number of colored pupils. A committee of five entered the school and stated the purpose of their visit, threatening to use force if necessary. All colored girls present promptly and quietly left the building, and the boys returned to their own school. It is believed the School Board will establish an additional high school for colored children, thus obviating further trouble.

The action of the students of Central High School this afternoon in demanding the removal of the colored pupils of Lower Girls' High School resulted in a general melee between whites and blacks in the neighborhood of the girls' school. A colored policeman was badly hurt by being struck in the breast by a negro with a baying pin, and a number of other persons were more or less injured. During the excitement a negro man fell dead of heart disease.

## Fairfax Court House Items.

[REPORTED FOR THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.] The Ohio Dramatic Club will give theatrical representations on the night of the 28th and 29th inst., for the benefit of the new ball in the school house.

The ladies of the M. E. Church South, will hold a festival on Monday and Tuesday next, court days.

Some of the young gentlemen of the Village will give a ball on New Year's Eve.

The ladies of the M. E. Church will hold a festival on the 28th inst., at the house of Mr. B. Canfield, for the benefit of their pastor, Rev. J. B. North.

The Good Templars will give an oyster supper on Christmas night.

Mr. Magruder Dobson caught a coon, a night or two ago, upon the ear of which were distinctly visible the figures 1835.

Intelligence has been received of the death of Mr. Alexander Reid, at his residence near Occoquan, yesterday.

John Haslip, has sold his farm called the Springfield track at Springfield station, to Judge Edmunds, of Illinois.

## Fauquier County Items.

[REPORTED FOR THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.] Miss Sarah J. Bailey, of Paris, was stricken with paralysis at the residence of her brother-in-law, T. B. Wilson, esq., a few days ago.

Black bass are more plentiful in the Shenandoah river than ever known before. One gentleman caught eighty odd one day last week with hook and line.

Miss Marion C. Stribling, eldest daughter of the late Dr. Wm. C. Stribling, was married to Dr. Walter Bruce, at her home at Markham, on Wednesday. This wedding was the largest and most elegant affair of the kind that has occurred in the Markham neighborhood for a long time.

The death of Mrs. Ann Ashby, which sad event occurred in Alexandria on the 15th inst., is generally lamented. She had a large family connection in the community, and was deservedly esteemed for her many noble traits of character.

## A GUILTY MINISTER'S CONFESSION.—A

special to the Chicago Tribune from Grand Rapids, Michigan, December 11, says Dr. Fisk, the adulterous pastor, has written and caused to be published the following letter of confession: "To the Public—I frankly confess to the fearful sin of which I am charged, and will not be cowardly enough to lie or seek a palliation of my weakness and guilt. I can only crave the pity and compassion of the world I have offended, and the forgiveness which my sincere and profound repentance before God and man calls for. I have returned my letter of fellowship to the denomination I have so grievously stricken, and abandoned the profession which I have so deplorably shamed. May God and man pity and forgive me, and aid me to do some humble work in life yet for the good of society. I am not a coward or a sneak to wick Adam's plea 'that a woman did it.' It was my own weak and ungoverned soul that in a moment of frenzy, wrought my downfall. In penitence and unutterable sorrow. R. FISK, JR.

SHENANDOAH RIVER IMPROVEMENT.—At the meeting of the board of supervisors, held last week for the purpose of auditing accounts against the county, the board was petitioned to subscribe \$1000 towards improving the Shenandoah River from the Jefferson county line to Castleman's Ferry for the passage of flat boats. Jefferson county has already, or is now engaged in making these river improvements from Harpers Ferry to the Clarke line. The board of supervisors decided that they had no power to make such a subscription without an authorization by a vote of the people of the county to do so.

Private subscriptions have been made by some of our enterprising farmers towards these improvements, and it is claimed that the additional aid asked for, invested as desired, would afford large savings in the cost of transportation.—Clarke Courier.

SAD.—We noticed on the cars coming up from Harrisonburg the other day, a pretty-faced young woman who was being conveyed by her husband and father to the Lunatic Asylum at this place. She is from Page county, but her name we did not learn. She was incessantly humming nursery distiches, incoherently, and waving her hands as though something was passing in the air before her, with her eyes turned upwards and her head gently nodding a recognition of the passing object her diseased mind had fancied. We learned, on inquiry, that she had lost her child, and that sickness and grief had so affected her as to dethrone reason. Her face wore a constant smile, and but for the wild glare of the eyes, she presented more the appearance of one overcome with some rapturous joy than the victim of a crushing sorrow.—Staunton Virginian.

FOUND DROWNED.—Early Tuesday morning the dead body of a white man named D. O. Sullivan, an umbrella maker, lately from Washington, was discovered in the waste-way of the canal, a short distance above Bauman's Row, in the lower part of the city. The conclusion arrived at by the jury of inquest was, "that he came to his death by accidental drowning while in a state of intoxication."—Fredericksburg News.

FAILURE IN DANVILLE.—The failure of the house of M. Sommerfeld, of this city, has been reported on the streets for several days. It is said that they are involved to the amount of \$40,000, which they offer to compromise at twenty cents on the dollar. Several representatives of Northern firms, to whom they are indebted, are in the city looking after their interests, some of whom are anything but satisfied with the posture of affairs.—Danville News.

Corn shucks are unusually thick this fall, indicating, on high Indian authority, that we are to have a very cold winter.

The best and largest variety of Orecroats, at DEALHAM'S.

S. DEALHAM "The" Fashionable Clothier, 89 King street.

All good goods thoroughly sponged, at DEALHAM'S.

DEATH OF THE AUTHOR OF "CARPET BAGGERS."—Wm. Farr, who represented Nansmond county in the Underwood Convention, died in extreme poverty at his home near Suffolk last week, after a very short illness. He is said to have been the first to apply the term "carpet-bagger" to the Northern adventurers, now so well known everywhere by that name, and distinguished himself while in the convention by presenting the Speaker, during one of its sessions, with a limber jack, representing a dancing negro. He was considered an honest man.—Suffolk Herald.

PEANUTS ADVANCING.—The peanut market is very active with an advance of from five to ten cents per bushel, and they are bought up on orders at these figures as fast as they arrive. The receipts are very light for the season.—Petersburg News, 17th.

## MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Business is about as at last report, and money is without charge. The New York money market is steady, and call loans are quoted at 3½ per cent, the former figure ruling. The rate for prime mercantile paper is 6½ per cent. Railroad stocks are quiet, and only sales of \$200 O. A. & M. 7s at 82. We quote:

Orange, A. 10 & Man, 7s.....	80
Orange & Alex. 8s, 3d.....	77½
Orange & Alex. 8s, 4d.....	68½
Wash. & Ohio 7 per ct. gold bonds, 80	85

## Alexandria Market, December 18.

FLOUR, Fine.....	4 00	4 25
Superfine.....	3 75	4 00
Extra.....	3 50	3 75
Family.....	3 25	3 50
Family choice.....	3 00	3 25
WHEAT, common to fair.....	1 00	1 15
Fair to good.....	1 15	1 20
Good to prime.....	1 20	1 25
Prime to choice.....	1 25	1 28
CORN, white.....	0 80	0 82
Mixed.....	0 78	0 80
Yellow.....	0 78	0 80
Bar-Corn.....	3 50	3 75
OATS.....	0 60	0 65
CHICKENS, dressed.....	2 00	3 00
TURKEYS.....	0 12	0 15
DUCKS.....	2 00	2 50
BUTTER, prime.....	0 30	0 32
Common to middling.....	0 28	0 30
EGGS.....	0 28	0 30
IRISH POTATOES.....	0 70	0 80
CHE-TNUTS.....	2 75	3 00
CLOVER SEED.....	6 75	7 00
SAPLING (CLOVER).....	7 50	8 00
BACON, Hams, country.....	12 00	13 00
Wests.....	0 14	0 16
Sides.....	0 14	0 16
Shoulders.....	0 11	0 13
LARD.....	0 15	0 16
DRESSED HOGS.....	8 00	8 30
DRIED APPLES.....	0 70	0 80
PLANT, ground, per ton of 2000 lbs.....	7 50	8 00
Ground, in bags, red.....	9 50	0 00
Lump.....	4 25	4 75
SALT, G. A. (Liverpool).....	1 20	1 30
Wool.....	2 00	2 30
Washed.....	0 35	0 40
Wool, common unwashed.....	0 30	0 33
Washed.....	0 43	0 45
Merino, unwashed.....	0 30	0 33
Merino, washed.....	0 43	0 45
SUMAC, per 100 lbs.....	50	1 00

REMARKS.—The receipts of Flour are more liberal, with but a local demand; prices are tending downward. Wheat opened active and firm, but owing to the decline in other markets, and larger receipts, the demand fell off, the market closing dull at a decline of 3 to 5c on high grades, and 8 to 10c on low; offerings of 2000 bushels with sales of a prime lot of white at 125, and red at 100 for ordinary, 120, 123 and 125 for prime, and 127 and 128 for choice. Corn has been active all the week closing firm at quotations; offerings 1818 bushels, with sales of white at 82 for old, and mixed and yellow at 80. Rye is in active enquiry and prices are better; offerings of 88 bushels, with sales at 88 and 90. Oats have been fairly active all the week until its close, when we quote the market less firm; offerings 458 bushels, with sales at 63 and 65. The total offerings of Grain on Change for the week ending to day were: Wheat, 17,099; Corn, 10,170; Rye, 200, and Oats, 1,029 bushels. The arrivals of Poultry are light, with a fair enquiry. Butter is scarce and wanted. Eggs are dull and prices tending downward. Potatoes are scarce and in demand; prices are better. Bacon is firm. Dressed Hogs are in light receipt with a good enquiry.

ALEXANDRIA CATTLE MARKET, Dec. 18.—The offerings of Beef Cattle this week have been rather light, and prices stiff, with sales at 34½c per lb gross for ordinary qualities. There was one lot of Cattle received from Southwestern Virginia, shipped by Mr. Farr, which were sold at 60¢ per lb—the latter price for the best. The average weight of these Cattle was 800 lbs a piece. Good Cattle are in demand, but for poor there is not much enquiry. Veal Calves 55¢ per lb, with but few offerings. Sheep are in only fair supply, with sales at 45¢ per lb. Lambs 30¢ per head. There are but few live Hogs in the market, these offering selling at 10¢ per lb. Dressed Hogs 8½c. Cows and Calves 25¢ per lb, with but few offerings.

BALTIMORE CATTLE MARKET, Dec. 17, 1874. Beef Cattle—Prices to-day ranged as follows: Prime 100 lbs—\$5.00; 100 lbs—\$4.75; 100 lbs—\$4.50; 100 lbs—\$4.25; 100 lbs—\$4.00; 100 lbs—\$3.75; 100 lbs—\$3.50; 100 lbs—\$3.25; 100 lbs—\$3.00; 100 lbs—\$2.75; 100 lbs—\$2.50; 100 lbs—\$2.25; 100 lbs—\$2.00; 100 lbs—\$1.75; 100 lbs—\$1.50; 100 lbs—\$1.25; 100 lbs—\$1.00; 100 lbs—\$0.75; 100 lbs—\$0.50; 100 lbs—\$0.25; 100 lbs—\$0.00.

Cows—We quote Milch Cows at 30.50 per head, and the market is dull. There is some increase in the receipts, as will be seen by a comparison with those of last week, and among them a very few choice Sheep, weighing 135 lbs, which have commanded fancy prices, selling at 10¢ per lb. Some other lots of choice Sheep have sold at rather lower figures. These have all been taken by city butchers; there is, in fact, no Eastern demand. We now quote common to fair Sheep at 4 1/4¢ per lb gross, showing some advance. Receipts this week 1905 head.

Hogs—The market has been rather lightly supplied during the past week, and the quality of the receipts quite as good as last week. The demand generally has been rather slow, though with some of the dealers fairly active, and exhausted their lot at 4¢, and the price at 4¢ per lb. Some other lots of choice Hogs have sold at 4 1/2¢ per lb. Dressed Hogs were firm at 8 1/2¢ per lb for city, and 8 1/4¢ for Western.

NEW YORK CATTLE MARKET, Dec. 17, 1874. Beef Cattle—Receipts 1913